

C. Please amend the claims as follows:

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179. (Once Amended) An electronic sourcing system comprising:  
a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format;  
a first set of pre-determined criteria associated with said collection of catalogs;  
a second set of pre-determined criteria associated with items from each of said catalogs;

a catalog selection protocol, said catalog selection protocol relying on said first set of pre-determined criteria to select less than said entire collection of catalogs, and including matching a vendor identification code with a subset of said collection of catalogs, wherein said subset of catalogs includes both a vendor catalog from a predetermined vendor and a second catalog from a predetermined third party that is one of a manufacturer and a competing vendor, said predetermined third party selling items corresponding to items in said vendor catalog; and

a search program, said search program relying on said second set of criteria to select specific items from said catalogs determined from said catalog selection protocol.

B4 4 87. (Once Amended) An electronic sourcing system as recited in claim [86] 79. /  
wherein said [manufacturer] predetermined third party makes items in said vendor catalog.

B5 5 89. (Once Amended) An electronic sourcing system as recited in claim [85] 79. /  
further including a cross reference table linking a vendor item catalog number from said vendor catalog with an item catalog number from said predetermined third party.

B6 2 110. (Once Amended) An electronic sourcing system comprising:  
a requisition module including data fields, user-generated criteria entered into at least one of said data fields to generate at least partial criteria corresponding to a desired item;  
a catalog collection searching module, said searching module including a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format, a catalog selection criteria used to select less than said entire collection, said searching module being used to generate additional search-module criteria for said data fields of said requisition module; [and]

66 a multiple purchase order generation module, said purchase order generation module creating multiple purchase orders from a single requisition created with said user-generated criteria and said search-module criteria;

wherein each of at least two catalogs include a generally equivalent item from a different source, said requisition module working in combination with said catalog searching module to determine multiple sources for said item;

wherein said multiple sources is limited by said catalog searching module providing a match according to said user-generated criteria, said search-module criteria and a determination system that located items are generally equivalent; and

wherein said determination system includes a cross reference table matching an identification code from a first located item with a second identification code from a second located item.

67 114. (Once Amended) An electronic sourcing system as recited in claim [112] ~~110~~ 21' wherein said determination system includes an identical identification code for each of said located items.

26 115. (Once Amended) An electronic sourcing module as recited in claim [111] ~~110~~ 21' wherein said requisition module uses at least one pre-determined rule to select which of multiple sources to use for said desired item.

D. Please add the following new claim:

68 29 121. (New) An electronic sourcing system comprising:  
a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format;  
a first set of pre-determined criteria associated with said collection of catalogs;  
a second set of pre-determined criteria associated with items from each of said catalogs;

a catalog selection protocol, said catalog selection protocol relying on said first set of pre-determined criteria to select less than said entire collection of catalogs, and including matching a vendor identification code with a subset of said collection of catalogs, wherein said subset of catalogs includes both a vendor catalog from a predetermined vendor and a second catalog from a predetermined third party;